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photo by Joanne Semanic

Town Clerk

Submitted by Paul McLatchy III

September Primary: On September 1st the state primary was held at the Rowe Fire Station due to a need for extra space in response to state Covid regulations. Summary results are as follows, full results on the website:

Democratic - Senator

Ed Markey - 73

Joseph Kennedy III – 39

Democratic - Representative

Richard Neal – 62

Alex Morse – 50

All other Democratic races uncontested

Republican – Senator

Shiva Ayyadurai – 12

Kevin O'Connor – 15

No candidates in other Republican races.

No votes for Libertarian/Green-Rainbow.

Thank you to the poll workers: Loretta Dionne, Paul McLatchy Jr., Robert Tanner III, Susan Tomlinson, Chris Tower, Shirley Vever, and Susan Williams. Also thank you to Constable Henry Dandeneau, Clerk Lauren Werner, and Warden Ramon Sanchez. Rob Beaumier helped by removing the vehicles from the bays so that we could hold the election there. Thank you to the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief Annear for permitting the use of the space.

November Election: Barring any unforeseen changes, the November election will be held at the school. In order for the fire station to be

kept handicap accessible, the bay doors needed to remain open. This will not be possible in November due to temperatures. As students will not be in the building on November 3rd, the School Committee gave permission to use the gymnasium for election use. The public will need to enter and exit through the rear entry to the building next to the basketball courts, not the side entrance near the stage/kitchen. Voters will not be permitted into any part of the building other than the gym. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Early Voting & Voting By Mail: Every person who requested a mail-in ballot for the primary also requested one for the general election. Therefore, if you received one for the primary, you do not need to do anything to receive one for the general election. Postcards were sent out by the state to those who have not requested a ballot by mail yet, though you may still vote in person if you wish. As of the time of submission, ballots have not arrived at town hall. They should arrive by the first week in October.

In-person early voting will be held at town hall on the following dates/times:

10/17 & 10/18: 6:00-8:00 PM

10/19, 10/20, 10/22, 10/23: 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:30

10/24: 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-8:00

10/25: 6:00-8:00 PM

A reminder that once you have submitted your early voting ballot, you have voted and cannot change it or vote in person.

The last day to register to vote is Saturday, October 24th. The voter registration session will overlap with early voting from 2-4 PM and 7-8 PM.

From the Town Hall

Submitted by Janice Boudreau

As I write this, it is Equinox, the first day of Fall. A time of transitions and, in New England, a time of preparation for the cold winter to come. Many of us stack wood, take out sweaters and process the remains of our gardens. This year in particular, this transition might bring a deeper feeling of trepidation, with an unknowing of what is to come in relation to the pandemic and how to prepare.

Please know that your town officials, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, School Committee and various employees are doing all that we can to ensure safe and healthy winter months for our town. Massachusetts is currently number 1 in COVID-19 testing per thousand, which indicates the state is doing their best at slowing down the spread. Thank you for your vigilance in continuing to wear face masks and practice social distancing, the more we continue this practice, the better off we will be.

On September 15th the Mass. Energy and Environmental Affairs Executive Office of Environmental Affairs held an event to highlight their work and elected to host it at our Pelham Lake Park. We commend Selectmen Chair Chuck Sokol, who upon arrival, learned he was to open and introduce officials. As always, he did so with ease and grace. We learned that Rowe will receive the next stage of funding through the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership grant. It will augment the current grant work of the Forest Stewardship Plan 2020-2030 for conservation, biodiversity, trail improvements and nature-based tourism. To view the full plan see the town website at www.rowe-ma.gov. Kudos to the Park Commission and Park Manager for their efforts.

By the time you receive this you will have, hopefully, received your flu vaccine inoculation in one of the local flu clinics. Since the position

of the Town Nurse has not been filled, and may not for some time, it is important that you seek out the vaccine on your own through the local clinics, area pharmacies or your physician. For up-to-date information check out: <https://frcog.org/flu-clinic/>

Town Tents: I want to update you on the status of the town tents that were available for use by town residents. The town had several tents for resident use and, unfortunately, that has come to an end. All of the smaller green and white striped town owned tents were damaged beyond repair and the Board of Selectmen decided not to replace them. The only remaining tent is the large white tent which is currently being used by the Elementary School for the foreseeable future.

King's Highway Bridge: King's Highway Bridge is in its final stages of completion and is on schedule.

Road Study: Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Regional Transportation Director is currently conducting a survey and study of Zoar Road and will be making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen about road signs, speed limits and signage upgrades for their review in the near future. Some of the signage in town needs to be brought up to current legal standards and visibility.

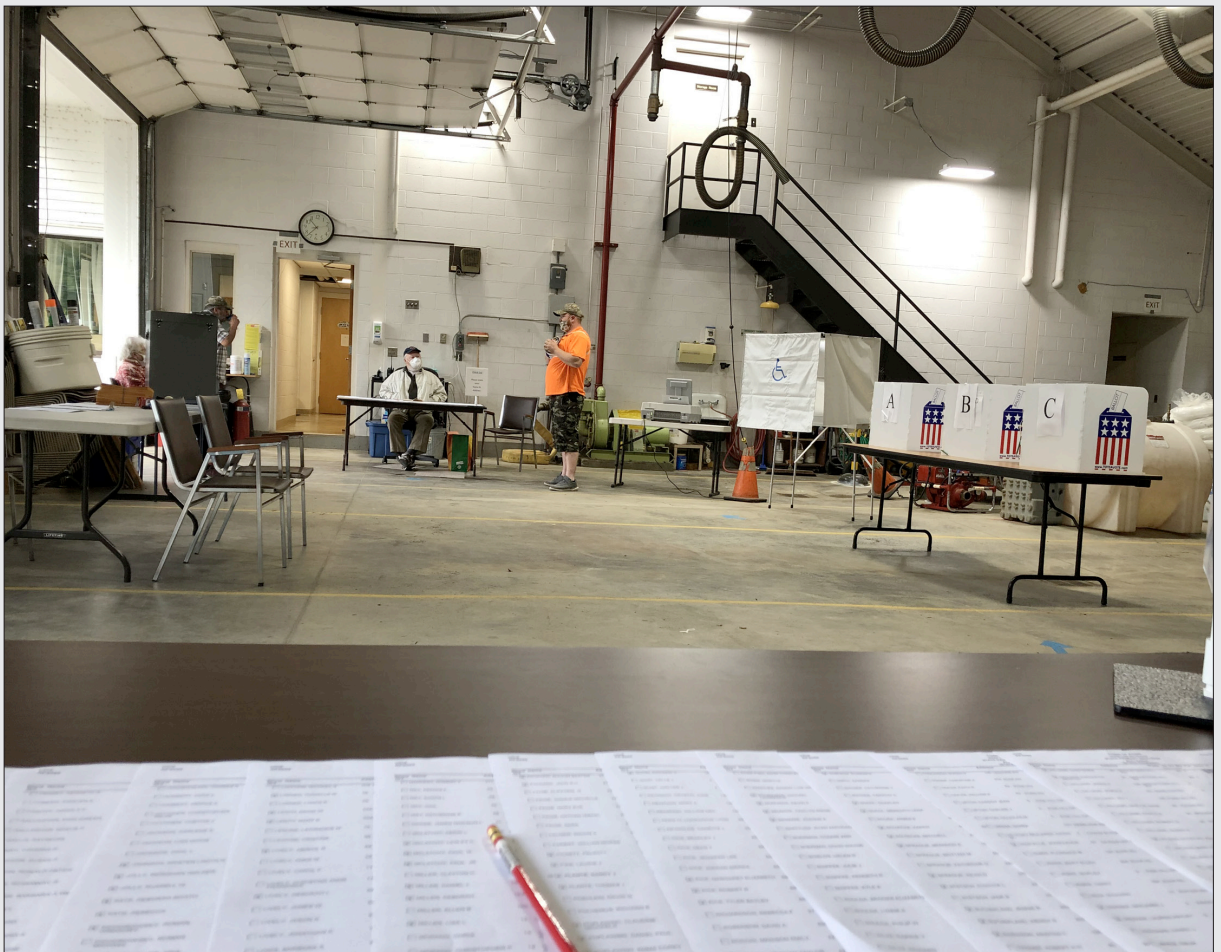
Special Town Meeting: Due to efforts to reduce the duration of the Annual Town Meeting last June, as well as unknowns with State funding, department projects were prioritized and those that could were put off until a later date. The Board will review and consider projects the first week in October and will plan for a Special Town Meeting to address those items. So more information yet to come.

A Message from the BOH

On October 3rd, there will be a walk-through flu vaccine clinic held at the old Heath Elementary School. If you haven't had your flu shot yet, this is your opportunity. The vaccinations provided at these clinics will be at no cost to residents of Rowe. The paperwork needed for the clinic is available on the Town website.



Drive-thru flu shots at Charlemont Fairgrounds



Voting at the Fire Station

photos by Sue Williams

The new bridge on Kings Highway is starting to come together.



Photo by Janice Boudreau



Rowe Town Library News

Submitted by Molly Lane, Library Director

Modified Library hours:

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10-1
Thursday 3:30-6:30 (New hours!!)**

Open by appointment. Call, email or facebook message us. Appointments are 30 minutes for 1 household.

The library is continuing to offer curbside pick-up and will provide home delivery upon request. Please look at our catalog online to see what items we have available and call or email us with your requests.

The library is open to the public for browsing by appointment. We know not everyone knows what book they are looking for and browsing on a computer screen just isn't the same. Call, email or Facebook message us to book your appointment.

***New hours include Thursday evening. So far it is under appreciated and Donna would love the company from 3:30-6:30 every Wednesday.

Programs:

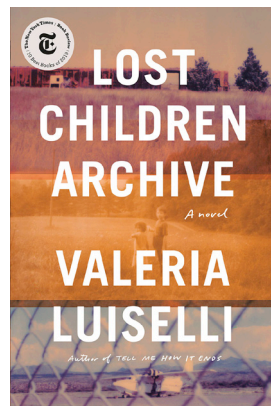
Pumpkin Decorating/carving contest 10/30-31 (see the Flyer on page 14!!)

Book Club: October 19th 3:30pm
socially distance outdoors.

"Lost Children Archive"
by Valeria Luiselli

Contact the library if you would like to be put on our email notifications for programs.

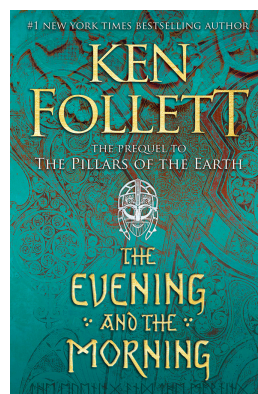
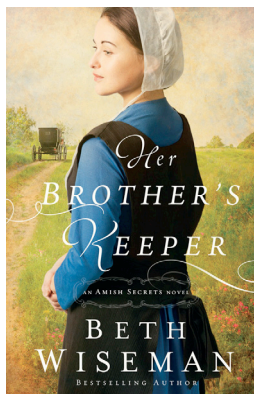
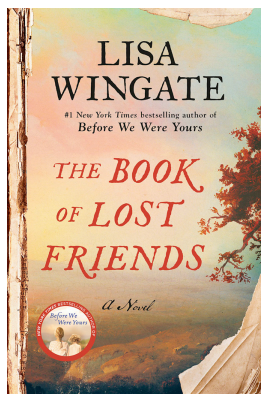
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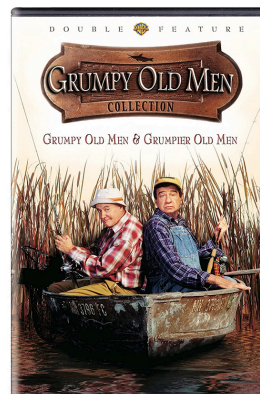
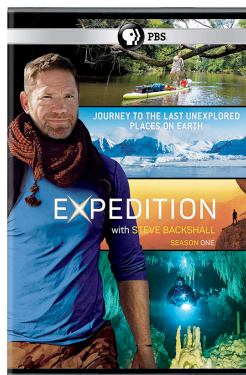
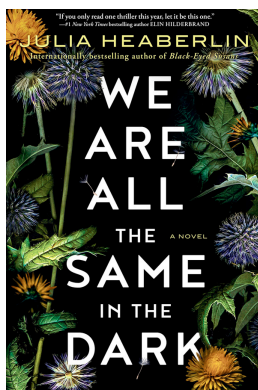
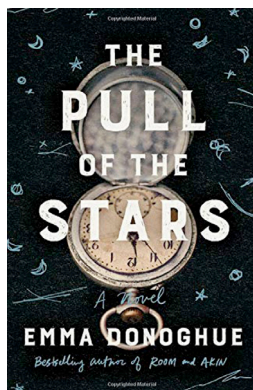
"October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book." — John Sinor

Some New Items This Month

Adult Fiction:



DVDs:



Young Adult:



Kids:

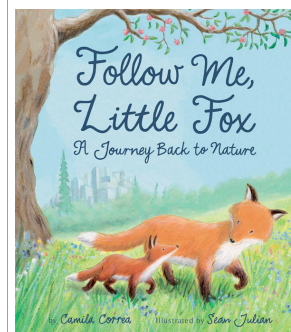
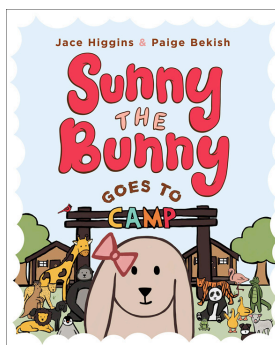
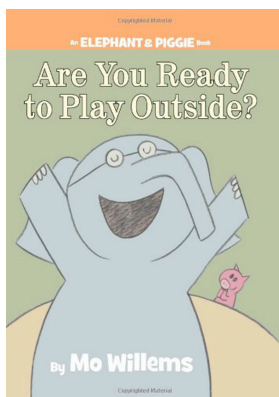




photo by Chuck Sokol



photo by Rick Williams

October is the opal month of the year. It is the month of glory, of ripeness. It is the picture-month.

-Henry Ward Beecher



Fringed Gentians by Nan Williams



Pelham Lake from the Northwest view

photo by Sue Williams



photo by Sue Williams

Digging Potatoes

Submitted by Joanne Semanie

We had a good hard frost a couple of weeks ago abruptly ending my gardening year a little earlier than I would have liked. There are still roots in the ground not bothered by the cold but everything else is done. As I was digging my potatoes, I was thinking about how much of the food for the homes in town was produced right on the land the houses were on. The homes were fewer and farther between and the gardens weren't so much little plots in the yard as large fields of a particular crop.



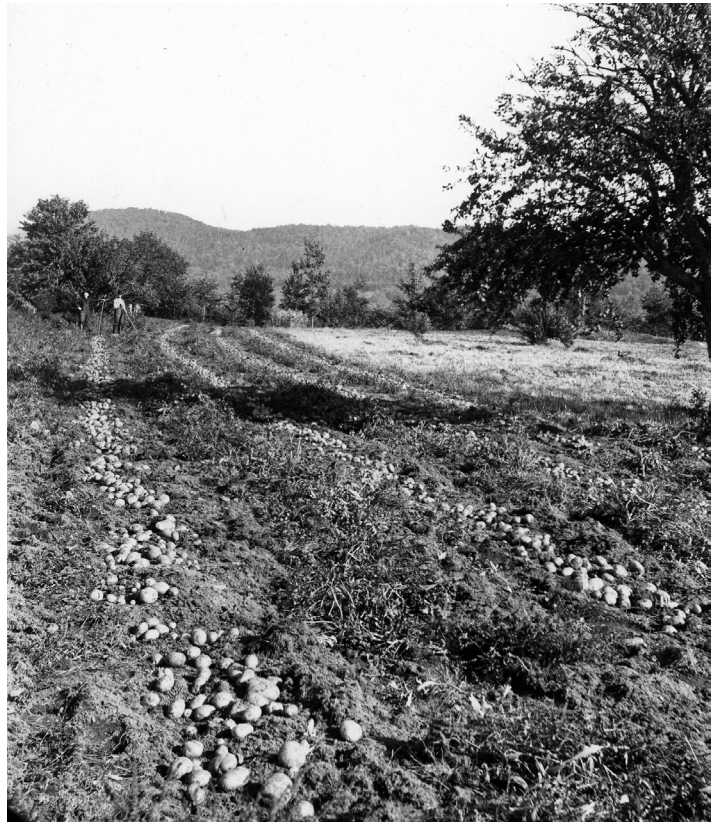
The only inscription on the photograph says G R Hartshorn. I must say there appears to be a level of pride with the crop (or just a record of a job well done).

There are other photographs of fields of potatoes.

According to the Agricultural Census for 1880 there were 2,670 bushels of potatoes grown by 60 farmers in the town of Rowe. That was down by 1,000 bushels from the decade before. Potatoes have always been a dependable New England crop impervious to the cooler weather. They could be eaten by livestock and the farmers themselves. You can maintain your own seed stock from year to year so it is understandable why so many acres were devoted to them.

It would seem by the photographs in our collection that digging potatoes was a man's domain, even if you were about 8 years old.

If you would like to visit the Museum or the Bench Tool Factory building socially distanced tours can be arranged. Leave a message at the museum at 339-4238 or call Ellen Miller 339-5746 or Joanne Semanie 339-6667 and a visit will be set up.



Digging potatoes at Wright's Farm



School is in full swing at the Rowe School. It's been busy and a little stressful (mostly for the staff, who are spending every moment working to keep everyone safe) during our first few weeks, but the students are happy to be back, and it's really nice to have kids in the school again. Drop-off, pick-up, and the bus seem to be working out well. Students are meeting new friends, seeing old friends, meeting new teachers, seeing teachers you know, learning new procedures, learning new games, staying safe, and having fun, inside and outside! The staff has worked to get students outside as much as possible, which will become more complicated as the weather turns toward winter.

I want to recognize the efforts of all the staff who have reinvented the Rowe School, physically and from a teaching and learning standpoint, over the last six weeks, and are making it work every day. We could not be having in-person learning without the efforts of each of them. The families generally are more familiar with what the teachers and the teaching assistants are doing, which is both amazing and non-stop during the school day, but people behind the scenes like Mike Armstrong, Carol Lively, Barbara Griffin, Laurie Laffond, and a host of others have also worked so hard to make this possible. And having the cooperation of the families regarding masks, distancing, etc., helps make it all work. I also want to acknowledge the help of the Rowe Board of Health, the Rowe School Committee, the Rowe Highway Department, The Rowe Park Department, the folks at Town Hall, everyone at the NBSU Central Office, the Rowe PTP, and the Mary Lyon Foundation in helping us in various ways to get ready to reopen. I also want to thank Chris Hyytinen, Sean Loomis, and Ronnie Stanford, who have gone above and beyond to help the school get set up for learning. If there's someone I've forgotten, please know you have our thanks.

Some key points to remember:

- Students and staff must wear a clean mask every day, sanitize and/or wash hands regularly, and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet. Neck gaiters, fleeces, or bandanas are not allowed.
- Students follow the directions of staff regarding safety, physical distancing, masks, and hand-hygiene.
- Students and staff will stay home if sick.

- Students come dressed to be outside, regardless of the weather, because we are spending as much time as possible outside.
- No one other than staff and students will enter the school.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please call me at 413-512-5201. You can also email me at wknittle@roweschool.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

-Submitted by Bill Knittle



ROWE TOWN LIBRARY

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Paint, Carve, or Decorate a pumpkin
Drop off on the Library stone wall Friday 10/30

Gift cards to
Boswell's Books
for adults and
kids: Most
creative &
Scariest

Call the
library if
you need a
pumpkin
(413)339
4761



PUMPKINS WILL
BE LIT 10/31



Margaret Woodside

Margaret Woodside, a tireless advocate for racial justice, women's rights and peace, died on September 6th, 2020 in Concord, California. Mary Margaret Woodside was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 17th, 1930 to James Woodside and Florence Jean Wright Woodside. She is survived by her two daughters, Julie Blattman Baeder (George) and Emilie Blattman Costello (David), and her grandchildren Gabriel True and Elisabeth Opdyke. Sadly, she outlived her younger brother Jim Woodside, who died in 2018.

Many of Margaret's happiest times were spent at Star Island, Rowe Camp & Conference Center, and the UU Church of Oakland, where she was a member until her death. Upon her retirement from Rowe, Father Daniel Berrigan wrote a tribute to her. He thanked her for her years of deep friendship and wonderful meals. He promised that when they met in heaven there would be a feast waiting for her, prepared with love by him, with help from the angels. May it be so.

Margaret lived an incredibly full life, and we will celebrate her in Oakland, CA and in Rowe, MA as soon as it is safe to gather together once more.

Memorial donations may be made to the Woodside Diversity Fund; RoweCenter, 22 Kings Highway Road, Rowe MA 01367 or to any organization that works toward social justice.

-Submitted by Carol Lively



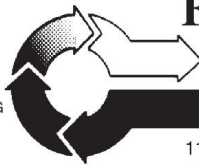
The Rowe Center

WORKSHOPS • RETREATS • SUMMER CAMPS

For now, you cannot come to us, but we can now come to you! Here in the Gathering Room, you will find free, paid, short and long term web programming to help you flourish in your life and get you through this ongoing crisis. You can also view for free recorded webinars that were held live and are still relevant and beneficial to your wellbeing.

Check back often, as we are adding new programming frequently.

REDUCTION
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Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

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PRESS RELEASE: for Immediate Release

Contact: Amy Donovan, Program Director: amy@franklincountywastedistrict.org

Fall Bulky Waste Day Cancelled

Franklin County Solid Waste District's Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day, previously scheduled for October 17, has been cancelled.

Residents can take most items that are collected at Clean Sweep to Greenfield Transfer Station, which is open to non-residents for a \$5 fee per load, plus specific disposal fees per item. For hours and pricing, see: <https://tinyurl.com/GreenfieldTS>.

Residents are encouraged to recycle computer equipment and televisions at their own town's transfer station, if an e-waste collection program is available there, or at Greenfield Transfer Station. Residents can go to the District's website (www.franklincountywastedistrict.org) to find town-specific information on the 17 transfer stations in the District, which remain open for proper disposal of many items.

Staples stores accept computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call your local store for details. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of working electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Always call ahead to ask if they can accept your item.

Additional questions about proper disposal of trash, bulky waste, recyclables, hazardous wastes, yard waste, or food waste can be directed to the Franklin County Solid Waste District at 413-772-2438 (leave a message with your phone number and town of residence), or email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
For a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.



Wild Geese by Mary Oliver



Be a virus, see the world.

Rowe Community Church

Submitted by Ros Mullette

All are welcome to join us in worship
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

- October**
- 4 Worship & Praise Service - The Gideons will be with us in message & song
 - 11 Worship & Praise Service
 - 18 Worship & Praise Service
 - 25 Worship & Praise Service

Bible Studies are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and will be held on October 7, 14, 21 & 28.

All service & studies are held at the church and by phone conference calls.

October Birthdays

- 1 - Sean Loomis
- 2 - Jane Stetson
- 2 - Sandra Silva
- 3 - Faith Travis
- 4 - Clifford Page
- 5 - Arlene Andognini
- 7 - Rebecca Boutwell
- 10 - Kirsten Foberg
- 11 - Nancy Plante
- 11 - Lawrence Lesure
- 11 - Wayne Zavotka
- 12 - Chris Tower
- 13 - Bob Rice
- 13 - Jenn Morse
- 15 - Oral Jackson
- 15 - Tabitha Hyytinen
- 18 - Ken Fensky
- 19 - Arthur Corarito
- 19 - Russ Jolly
- 20 - Peter Columbus
- 20 - Rachel Richardson
- 22 - Raymond Gallo
- 22 - Roman Kichorowsky
- 23 - Darline Upton
- 23 - Edward Silva
- 26 - Shirley Veber
- 28 - Rob Williams
- 28 - Mary Veber
- 28 - Buster Reed
- 28 - Leslie Bauer
- 30 - Benjamin Werner
- 31 - Erin Laffond

If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please contact me at:

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Town Services

<u>Accountant</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>9:00-12:00 (or by appt)</u>	<u>339-5520 x12</u>
<u>Admin Assistant</u>	<u>M,T,Th,F</u>	<u>8:00-12:00,12:30-4:30</u>	<u>339-5520 x10</u>
<u>Assessor's Clerk</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>3:30-5:30pm</u>	<u>339-5520 x15</u>
<u>Fire Station</u>	<u>Emergency - 911</u>		<u>329-4001</u>
<u>Executive Secretary</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs</u>	<u>9:30-5:00</u>	<u>339-5520 x11</u>
<u>Fitness Ctr</u>	<u>Mon-Fri</u>	<u>8:00-5:00</u>	<u>339-5520 x21</u>
<u>FRTA Sr. Bus</u>	<u>Tuesdays</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>774-2262 x103</u>
<u>Historical Society</u>	<u>(by Appt)</u>		<u>339-4238</u>
<u>Library</u>	<u>Tues, Sat 10:00-5:00, Wed 10:00-8:00</u>		<u>339-4761</u>
<u>Park</u>	<u>Mon- Friday</u>		<u>339-8554</u>
<u>Police Dept</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>5:30-7:30pm</u>	<u>339-8340</u>
<u>Post Office</u>	<u>Mon-Fri 12:15-4:15, Sat 8:30-11:30</u>		<u>339-5390</u>
<u>Rowe School</u>	<u>Mon-Friday</u>	<u>8:00-3:15</u>	<u>512-5100</u>
<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>8:00-2:00</u>	<u>339-5520 x19</u>
<u>Town Clerk</u>	<u>M,T,Th,Fr</u>	<u>7:00-8:00am, 4:30-5:30pm</u>	<u>339-5520 x14</u>
<u>Town Garage</u>	<u>Mon-Thurs</u>	<u>6:30-4:30</u>	<u>339-5588</u>
<u>Town Nurse</u>	<u>Mon,Wed,Fri</u>	<u>9:00-5:00</u>	<u>339-5520 x20</u>
<u>Transfer St.</u>	<u>Wed 7-10am, 4-7pm</u> <u>Sat 8-2, Sun 8-12</u>		<u>339-0216</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>			<u>339-5520 x16</u>

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